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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 11/16/2006, which is due for response by 02/16/2007, it is respectfully requested that this response be entered in the above referenced application and reconsideration of the application in view of this response be made. No new matter has been included. If the PTO determines that any fees are required in entering this response, please charge Applicants' deposit account, 09-0456.